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SUBJ: PRESIDENT RATIFIES EC AGREEMENT

REF: HELSINKI 2899

1. ON NOVEMBER 21 PRESIDENT KEKKONEN COUNTERSIGNED THE BILLS PASSED IN PARLIAMENT LAST WEEK (REFTEL) APPROVING RATIFICATION OF FINLAND'S FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE EC. ALL THAT NOW REMAINS FOR THE AGREEMENT TO COME INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 1974 IS FOR THE INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION TO BE EXCHANGED BEFORE NOVEMBER 30. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK IN BRUSSELS.

2. WITH COMPLETION OF DOMESTIC ACTION ON THE EC AGREEMENT THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (NOVEMBER 23) PRESENTED
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TO PARLIAMENT -- WITH ONLY A FEW MINOR CHANGES --

THE FIVE ECONOMIC PROTECTION LAWS VOTED OVER THE ELECTIONS BY THE COMMUNIST OPPOSITION EARLIER THIS FALL (HELSINKI 2545). THE CONSERVATIVES HAVE PUBLICALLY PLEDGED TO SUPPORT LAWS AGAIN WHILE COMMUNISTS HAVE NOT YET SHOWN THEIR HAND. PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SKDL) LEADER PAAVO AITIO HAS SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAVE DISCUSSED THE LAWS WITH THE SKDL BEFORE RESUBMITTING THEM AND THAT THEY ARE OFF TO A "BAD START".
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